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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA.

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA, JOHN COLVIN, VISITING IN PEKING TOLD USLO DEPUTY CHIEF HE WAS AWARE OF U. S. NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH MONGOLIA. HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE, THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, ANY INFORMATION AS TO STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, PROMISING STRICTLY TO KEEP CONFIDENCE. USLO OFFICER PLANS CALL ON COLVIN WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO ASK DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT MONGOLIANS COULD RELAY WHATEVER DEPARTMENT DESIRES.

2. BOTH COLVIN AND HIS WIFE ARE WELL INFORMED, EXTREMELY PERSONABLE AND SEEMINGLY VERY PRO- AMERICAN.

3. HE SAID ULAN BATOR FOREIGN COMMUNITY WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT TWO AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE IN MONGOLIAN TRAINING AT LEEDS. HE AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA, WHO " VISITS ULAN BATOR SPORADICALLY", ESPECIALLY EAGER TO WELCOME AMERICAN COLLEAGUES.

4. COLVIN' S CHIEF ADVICE WAS WHEN MISSION ESTABLISHED USG SHOULD PLAN PREFERABLY TO BUILD OR FAILING THAT TO RENOVATE QUARTERS WITH AMERICAN LABOR, DESPITE EXORBITANT COST, SINCE WOULD BE CHEAPER IN THE LONG RUN. EXTENDED STAY IN HOTEL WOULD BE RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY.

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